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EDITORIAL

THE contributions gathered together in this issue of the REVIEW are offered as a tribute to Mr. Justice Holmes, on the happy occasion of his seventy-fifth birthday. That English, European, and American jurists should join this tribute, despite the sorrows and distractions of the great war, shows how deeply the legal philosophy of the civilized world feels itself indebted to him. In England and on the Continent, his immortal book, "The Common Law," has already brought him renown beyond that of any American jurist since Story. To Americans, perhaps, the creative labor of his twenty years on the bench, woven permanently into the fabric of our common law, a part of our life and of the life of coming generations, presents an even greater claim to gratitude and admiration.

Those who have been connected with the Harvard Law School have always felt a peculiar bond of friendship for Justice Holmes. As a student at the School, as teacher and lecturer, as president of the Harvard Law School Association, as an intimate friend and associate of the men whose names make up the history of the School, he has himself been

no small factor in its growth and progress. To many a student his luminous opinions, with their freshness and liberality of view, and their background of culture and philosophy, have given the first real appreciation of law as a genuine human science. To Oliver Wendell Holmes, LL.B. '66, judge, jurist, and philosopher, the Editors of the HARVARD LAW REVIEW gratefully dedicate this number.